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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



Lamitan on the move. US chargé d'affaires Ambassador Daryll Johnson, Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar, USAID mission director Jon Lindborg, Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza and Robert Wuertz, chief of USAID's Office of Economic Development and Governance, were advised by Manuel Jamonir of USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao program on the potentially high economic impact of the improvements undertaken by USAID at the Lamitan Port in Basilan. The improved port, which features additional berthing capacity and a roll-on/roll-off ramp, will link Basilan to the Mindanao mainland and open new markets to producers and shippers. The Lamitan Port is one of approximately 850 infrastructure projects being implemented by USAID in Mindanao.

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